

Torrance, California
September 10, 1952

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF TORRANCE

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a Regular Meeting in the Council Chamber of the City Hall on Wednesday, September 10, 1952, at 8:03 P.M., Mayor Schwab presiding.

Those responding to roll call by City Clerk Bartlett were: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Blount, Drale, Spelman and Schwab. Also present were City Manager Stevens and City Attorney Hall.

Councilman Blount led all present in the salute to our Flag.

As first order of business, Councilman Drale moved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 26th be approved. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously.

The Mayor announced the time had arrived for the opening of bids on the water expansion project of the City of Torrance and Clerk Bartlett opened and read the following bids:

Specification No. 5

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Bid</u>	
United Concrete Pipe Corp.	\$167,884.00	Bidder's Bond
American Pipe & Construction Co.	164,791.40	" "

Specification No. 4

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Lump Sum Bid</u>	<u>Item 2</u>	<u>Item 3</u>	<u>Item 4</u>	<u>Item 5</u>	<u>Item 6</u>	<u>Item 7</u>
Roscos Moss Co.	\$15,770.00	\$20.09	\$10.00	\$7.43	\$5.99	\$2.50	\$11.00
John R. Beylik	11,262.04	15.91	5.00	6.88	5.95	3.00	8.00

Appropriate deposits accompanied each bid.

Specification No. 6

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Schedule I</u>	<u>Schedule II</u>	<u>Schedule III</u>	<u>Schedule IV</u>	<u>Schedule V</u>
Mueller Co. (Cert. Check)					
Dayton Foundry (bidder's bond)					11487.83
Grinnel Co. (informal)					
James B. Clow & Sons (bidder's bond)	37368.00	32161.00	28500.00	102820.00	10075.70
A.P. Smith Mfg. Co. (Cert. Check)					
Pacific States Cast Iron Pipe Co. (bidder's bond)	31248.00	27042.50	23968.50	84773.50	7510.27
American Radiator & Standard Sanitary (bidder's bond)					
Grinnel Co. (bidder's bond)					
Park-Son Inc. (bidders bond)					8436.93
Rich Mfg. Co. (Cert. Check)					
Rensselaer Valve Co. (Cert. Check)					
American Cast Iron Pipe Co. (bidder's bond)	27936.00	23562.50	21280.00	75313.00	6104.66
United States Pipe & Foundry Co.	33792.00	29290.00	25963.50	91690.00	8541.25
Water Works Supply Co.					

Specification No. 6 Cont'd

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Schedule VI</u>	<u>Schedule VII</u>	<u>Schedule VIII</u>	<u>Schedule IX</u>	<u>Schedule X</u>
Mueller Co. (Cert. Check)	5640.83	3664.52	10044.26	8445.17	
Dayton Foundry (bidder's bond)					
Grinnel Co. (informal)	5297.40	3431.38	12734.16	8163.86	
James B. Clow & Sons (bidder's bond)					
A.P. Smith Mfg. Co. (Cert. Check)	6001.00	3974.00	10780.00	9165.99	
Pacific States Cast Iron Pipe Co. (bidders bond)	5700.74	3738.19	10233.94		
American Radiator & Standard Sanitary (bidder's bond)	5820.83	3853.08	10588.26	12695.46	2260.10
Grinnel Co. (bidder's bond)	5297.40	3431.38	12734.16	8163.86	
Park-Son Inc. (bidder's bond)				8541.50	
Rich Mfg. Co. (Cert. Check)	6496.60	4272.50	11608.00	8665.00	
Rensselaer Valve Co. (Cert. Check)	5759.45	3811.60	10637.30	8174.00	2219.55
American Cast Iron Pipe Co. (bidder's bond)					
United States Pipe & Foundry Co.					
Water Works Supply Co.	6112.00	4011.50	10800.00	8450.00	2405.00

Letter from Steel Products Engineering Company advising of supply of certain water well casing.

Councilman Blount moved all bids be referred to the Engineer for checking and report at the next meeting. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously.

Mayor Schwab announced this was the time and place fixed for the public opening of sealed proposals for the improvement of Seaside Ranchos Sewer District. Clerk Bartlett presented affidavits of publication and posting. Councilman Spelman moved the affidavits be received and filed. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried. City Clerk Bartlett then opened and read the following bids;

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Bid</u>
J.E. Popovich, P.O.Box 261, Torrance	\$78,834.69
Wucetich Construction, Paramount	82,161.38
Economy Sewer Construction, Los Angeles	78,179.77

Recess was declared at 8:50 and meeting reconvened at 9:00 P.M.

The City Attorney advised he had examined the three proposals and all met the bond requirements. Councilman Blount moved the report be received and filed. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Blount moved all bids be referred to the Engineer for analysis and report at the next regular meeting. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Clerk Bartlett read the following:

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Petition signed by 27 residents of Opal Street calling attention to the uncurbed and unpaved condition of the south half of Opal Street adjacent to school property and requesting the condition be corrected. Councilman Blount moved the communication be discussed at the next agenda meeting. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried.

The City Clerk advised that at his request Mr. Hallanger had withdrawn his resignation as Accountant until an eligible list is prepared by the Civil Service Board. The City Clerk requested approval of his action. The City Clerk requested approval of his action. Councilman Drale moved the Council concur. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried.

Recommendation of the City Clerk for the transfer of \$125,000 from Water Department funds to the General Fund. Councilman Spelman moved the Council concur in the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Letter from Dr. Eugene L. Cook requesting refund on business license granted W.A. Sidders, M.D., who left his employ on June 30th. Clerk Bartlett advised a refund of \$12.00 was in order. Councilman Spelman moved the request be granted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Letter from the City Clerk of Los Angeles advising of Council action on September 4, 1952, disapproving the detachment from Los Angeles for annexation to Torrance of the Kettler property lying between Western Avenue and the east city limits of Torrance. Councilman Drale moved the communication be filed as a matter of record. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried.

Letter from County Supervisors' office re the City's offer of court facilities for use as a Municipal Court, advising it would probably be necessary to hold court in Torrance during the early part of 1953; that possibly it would be necessary to hold Court in both Gardena and Torrance; and requesting that our offer be left open. Councilman Drale moved the communication be filed as a matter of record. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Letter from Dominguez Water Corp. advising of proposed sale of property to Harvey Machine and requesting permission to service the company's water needs. Councilman Drale moved the Council concur in the request. Councilman Spelman asked that the motion include-- "subject to the reservation set forth in the City Attorney's letter of reply". The letter was read in full and Councilman Drale so amended his motion. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously.

Letters from the cities of Inglewood and San Fernando, enclosing copies of resolutions adopted by each city, opposing the County Supervisors' Association's proposal of a 4% statewide sales tax. Letter from the County Board of Supervisors denying such proposal. Councilman Drale, stating the Council has repeatedly gone on record as being opposed to such a move, moved a resolution of protest be prepared. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried.

Letter from George P. Hunt, 4633 Milne Court, urging the City take steps to remedy the unhealthy condition existing in Sepulveda Gardens, referring specifically to the drainage ditch east of Reynolds Ave. between Mindora Ave. and Milne Court. Councilman Drale moved the letter be referred to the Street Department for attention. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried.

Letter from Pacific Electric Railway Company submitting "Renewal of Lease" on the 2' strip along Torrance Blvd. between Border and Western Avenues. On the recommendation of the City Manager, Councilman Spelman moved the lease renewal be denied. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried.

Letter from North Torrance Civic Improvement Association protesting the condition in which the REcreation Department leaves McMaster Hall, advising tables are being ruined with paint and paste and rest rooms in a filthy condition. Councilman Blount verified the condition of the Hall. Councilman Benstead moved the matter be referred to the Recreation Department with a request for immediate attention. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried.

Letter from North Torrance Civic Improvement Association requesting the Council write the Council of Redondo Beach requesting their reconsideration of the installation of a traffic control signal at 182nd and Hawthorne. Councilman Blount moved the Mayor write such a letter to the Mayor and Council of Redondo. Councilman Drale stated he believed the City Manager had some new information on this matter and Mr. Stevens advised that Redondo has approved its share of the cost of such installation. Councilman Blount withdrew his motion and moved the letter be filed as a matter of record. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried.

Letter from Max L. Hoffenberg, 365 Calle Mayor, protesting the proposed sewer districts in Hollywood Riviera and challenging the accuracy of the 65% approval claimed by the petitioners. Councilman Blount moved the protest be filed as a matter of record. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried.

Clerk Bartlett advised he had been served with a summons and Complaint on a claim previously denied by the Council-- Walter John Williams v. City of Torrance/Municipal Bus Lines -- and that he had transmitted the instrument to our insurance carrier. Matter of record.

Claim against the City (unverified) by C. E. Chapman in the amount of \$21.50, resulting from road tar being sprayed on his car while the Street Dept. was resurfacing 188th Street. Councilman Drale moved the claim be denied and referred to the City Attorney and insurance carrier. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried.

Two letters from Regional Water Pollution Control Board No. 4 transmitting Resolution No. 52-1 and 52-2, soliciting cooperation in submitting all questions of waste disposal and water pollution from the operation of oil wells to the Division of Oil & Gas. Councilman Drale moved the communications be filed as a matter of record. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried.

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Letter from the South Bay Engineering Company, on behalf of G & G Construction Company, (offering for street dedication a portion of "that certain major highway designated as Calle MAYOR" for a width of 38'.) Councilman Drale moved the request be granted subject to the installation of curbs, gutters and sidewalks. Discussion followed, resulting in a withdrawal of the motion. Councilman Drale then moved the request be denied and that the City advise them, by letter, that approval would be granted if the offer includes the installation of curbs, gutters and sidewalks on one side. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried.

Report from Torrance Red Cross and Civil Defense of drill held on August 25th. Councilman Spelman moved the report be filed as a matter of record. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried.

Recommendations of City Manager:

PERSONNEL:

The following personnel to be appointed to serve their probationary periods in the classifications, on the dates and at the compensations indicated:

<u>Department</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Classific</u>	<u>Beginning</u>	<u>Salary Step</u>
Police	Regina R. Ryan	Police Mat. & File Clk.	9-16-52	1st
Custodian	Frank D. Tyndall	Janitor	9-3-52	1st
<u>Promotional</u>				
Park	A.E. Treloar	Sr. Park Main.-		
"		man	9-1-52	4th
"	A. B. Stubbs	" " "	9-1-52	3rd
"	M. Orend, Jr.	" " "	9-1-52	2nd
Street	J.A. Williams	Truckdriver	9-1-52	1st
"	J.L. Wilkins	Truckdriver	9-1-52	1st
"	C.S. Bennett	" " "	9-1-52	1st

Myles H. Hamilton, Police Officer, be reinstated from military leave, effective August 16, 1952, at the compensation set forth as the second step for the classification.

Councilman Spelman moved the Council concur in the recommendations Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

APPROPRIATIONS:

For the paving of Watson Ave. and nearby streets, the sum of \$4,000 from County Aid Funds.

That the California Water Service Company be authorized to place 23 new fire hydrants in the Hollywood Rivera District at locations recommended by the Fire Chief.

For an actuarial survey by the State to determine the cost of adopting the 1949 Amendments to the Retirement System, the sum of \$350.00 from Retirement Funds.

Councilman Drale moved the Council concur in the recommendations. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

MICELLANEOUS:

That the City renew the tire rental contract for bus tires with the B.F. Goodrich Company.

That the City Attorney be authorized to proceed with the condemnation of a drainage easement for storm waters from the Hollywood Riviera School.

Councilman Drale moved the Council concur in the recommendations. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously.

Councilman Drale stated that at the last agenda meeting the Council had decided action should be taken to acquire 30 feet from each of the 7 lots protruding into Ashley Street, between 182nd and 186th Streets. Discussion was held as to expenses which might be involved in such acquisition. Councilman Drale moved a survey as to such expense be made, and the matter referred to the City Attorney for action. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried.

TRAFFIC CONTROL:

That the City Attorney be authorized to prepare the necessary ordinance to establish the following regulatory signs in accordance with the recommendations of the Traffic Commission:

1. Limited Parking:

- (a) One-Hour parking on South half of Elm Ave. between Carson Street and Monterey Street.
- (b) Two-Hour parking on East side of Paseo de la Playa between Via Riviera and South end of Paseo de la Concha.

2. STOP Signs:

- (a) Four-way STOP at Walnut Street and Huber Street.
- (b) Four-way STOP at Fern Avenue and Carson Street.
- (c) Four-way STOP at Maple Avenue and Torrance Blvd.
- (d) Four-way STOP at Marcelina Avenue and Cravens Ave.
- (e) Two-way STOP on 242nd Street at Hawthorne Blvd.
- (f) One-way STOP on Opal Street at Madrona Ave.

3. Traffic Committee recommends that center parking on Cabrillo Avenue be continuous -- no left turns into driveways allowed.

Councilman Drale moved the Council concur with the recommendations under items 1 and 2. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

As to item 3, Councilman Blount stated he did not believe the City wished to deprive a man from doing business, nor did he believe the City could do so legally; that center parking with no driveway allowed was creating a great financial loss to Shultz & Peckham. Discussion on the problem followed between members of the Council, resulting in a motion by Councilman Benstead that the matter be taken up at the next agenda meeting for discussion. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried.

Letter from Assistant to City Engineer Patrick submitting Tract 18518 and advising of approval by the Planning Commission on August 6th. Mr. Patrick advised sewers are available and that curbs, gutters and sidewalks would be installed. He recommended the name "Patronella Ave." be placed on the westerly side of this tract in lieu of "Trinkle Ave.", since it will be a continuation of Patronella Ave. from the south. He also recommended necessary arrangements for water made before signing the final tract map. Councilman Drale moved the Council concur in the recommendations of the Planning Commission and Mr. Patrick. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Drale moved that in the future, the recently approved form given Mr. Patrick be used in submitting tract maps. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried.

Letter from Mr. Patrick submitting tract 18540, advising of approval by the Planning Commission on September 3, 1952, subject to the removal of the cul-de-sacs at the northerly end of Patronella Ave. and Cerise Ave. Mr. Patrick advised sewers are available; that curbs, gutters and sidewalks will be constructed; and that arrangements for the installation of water mains must be made before signing the final tract map. Councilman Drale moved the Council concur in the recommendations of the Planning Commission and Mr. Patrick. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Letter from Mr. Patrick submitting Tract 18609, advising of

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approval by the Planning Commission on September 3, 1952. Mr. Patrick advised the subdivider was willing to construct about 1800 feet of off-site sewer line if there was a possibility that a sewer connection fee might be charged to partially reimburse him, at the time of other connections to this trunk line.

Mr. Patrick advised curbs, gutters and sidewalks would be installed, and that arrangements for water service would have to be made prior to signing the final tract map. Councilman Blount moved the Council concur with the recommendations of the Planning Commission and Mr. Patrick, with the provision that sanitary sewers must be installed. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMAN: Benstead, Blount, Spelman and Schwab. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. Councilman Drale stated he did not wish to vote on this matter as he lived there and was concerned. Councilman Blount moved the City Manager, as the City Engineer, be instructed to contact the subdivider and advise that it is the intention of the Council to help them, if possible, with an ordinance providing for connection fees for future users. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Letter from Mr. Patrick advising that on July 2, 1952, the Planning Commission approved Tract 18330 subject to a 10' widening strip along 182nd St.; that sewers, curbs, gutters, sidewalks, base, paving and water have been installed and no bond is necessary. Councilman Blount moved that, inasmuch as the tract was already completed and occupied, the Council concur. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Drale asked that an investigation of the subdivision at 239th and Pennsylvania be made as he could see no evidence of curbs, gutters and sidewalks. He also mentioned construction at 235th and Arlington and was advised by the City Manager that this was not a subdivision - that the construction was being made on existing lots and we would have no control as to curbs, gutters and sidewalks.

At 10:00 P.M. Mayor Schwab declared a recess. Meeting reconvened at 10:10.

Letter from the Planning Commission recommending approval of the request of Harry Ford, 412 Paseo de los Estrellas, for waiver of rear-yard setback requirement to 18 feet. Councilman Spelman moved the Council concur in the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried.

Letter from Planning Commission recommending denial of the request of South Bay Church of God to bring in and use a barracks building for classrooms and recreation. Councilman Spelman moved the Council concur in the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried.

Letter from the Planning Commission advising the request of Mr. Xanthakis for permission to erect an addition to his garage for use as a playhouse and study had been tentatively withdrawn. Matter of record.

Letter from the Planning Commission recommending denial of Tract No. 18589. Councilman Spelman moved the Council concur in the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 2309

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY TO MAKE ALLOCATION OF "AID TO CITIES" (GASOLINE TAX FUNDS) FOR STREET IMPROVEMENTS.

Councilman Spelman moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Spelman moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2309. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 616

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE PROVIDING FOR THE INSPECTION OF POULTRY SLAUGHTERED, DISSECTED OR DISMEMBERED IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE FOR SALE FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION; PROVIDING FOR FEES TO BE CHARGED FOR SUCH INSPECTION; AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF.

Following a brief discussion as to the fee provided, Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Benstead, moved for the adoption of urgency Ordinance No. 616 at its first and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 617

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE RELATING TO AND REGULATING THE PRESENTING, AUDITING AND PAYMENT OF DEMANDS AGAINST SAID CITY, AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES, AND ALL RESOLUTIONS, IN CONFLICT HERewith.

Councilman Spelman moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Drale moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 617 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Councilman Blount stated that at his request the Council had agreed to meet with a representative of South Bay Humane Society and that, to his knowledge, it has not been done as yet. He was advised such a meeting had been held and Councilman Benstead stated he "carried the fight" for Councilman Blount.

Councilman Drale stated he has received several calls relating to the unsanitary condition of the storm drain from the Dicalite plant to the Airport. Following a rather lengthy discussion, Councilman Drale moved the County and our Supervisor for this district be advised of the condition and their assistance solicited in remedying the matter. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried.

Councilman Spelman asked if any notification had been received from the State as to when they would install the left-turn lanes on Pacific Coast Highway. City Manager Stevens replied that he had heard nothing from them. When asked by Councilman Spelman if he would attempt to get some information on this matter from the Division of Highways, Mr. Stevens replied that he would do so immediately.

Mr. Stevens advised the Council that the Engineers had examined the bids submitted this evening on Specification No. 5; that the ~~who~~ **INSERT Pipe & Construction Co., submitted the low bid of \$164,791.40, be awarded the contract, and all other bids rejected. He advised, further that the Engineers' estimate was \$171,340. Councilman Spelman moved the Council concur in the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Benstead, Drale, Spelman, Schwab. NOES: None. Councilman Blount, for business reasons, stated he did not wish to vote on this matter.

**INSERT-bids were in order; and that the Engineers recommend that American

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Mr. Stevens advised the Council that he had received approval from the Division of Highways for the improvement of Crenshaw Blvd. from Dominguez Street to Redondo Beach Blvd. and requested authorization to advertise for bids to be opened on October 7th. Councilman Blount so moved. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mr. Stevens stated he had attended a meeting in Pasadena today and that the cities in the area were going to declare the week of September 28th to October 4th to be "Civil Defense Week", and suggested that Torrance participate. Councilman Drale moved the Mayor issue such a proclamation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

The City Manager also advised the Council that on Monday, September 15th, at 10:00 A.M., the American Helicopter Company would demonstrate a jet helicopter; that the Sec. of the Army and many other high-ranking officials and dignitaries would be present, and that the Council should be there.

Mr. E. F. Schoonover voiced complaints against the Dicalite plant, stating they travel down Madison, turning on Newton, at much too fast a speed and that they make no effort to keep down the dust, or remove the dust from the streets which they lose by their fast speed and the wind; that his house and yard resembles a "Kansas or Oklahoma dust storm". Councilman Benstead verified the gentleman's statements. Councilman Benstead suggested possibly a letter from the City to Dicalite might remedy or modify the condition and Councilman Spelman suggested that the Police Department might issue a few traffic citations at the streets mentioned. Councilman Benstead so moved. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried.

Mayor Schwab set Tuesday, October 7, 1952, at 8:00 P.M., as the time for public hearing on Land Use Ordinance No. 612.


IN answer to Councilman Drale's previous request for an opinion as to amendments of the Land Use Ordinance, City Attorney Hall stated that an ordinance could be amended by a resolution only when the amendments deals with an administrative matter; that in this instance, the amendments would be of a legislative nature and would have to be by ordinance and published in the usual manner.

There being no other communications, Councilman Spelman moved all bills properly audited be paid. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

At 10:38 P.M., on motion of Councilman Blount, seconded by Councilman Spelman and unanimously carried, meeting adjourned to September 16, 1952, at 8:00 P.M.


CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

APPROVED:


MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE